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OTTAWA TRUCK DEMONSTRATION '22

9 February 2022

SPECIAL EVENT OPERATIONAL PLAN

EVENT NAME: Ottawa Truck Demonstration 2022

TYPE OF EVENT: Demo

LOCATION: Downtown Core

DATE AND TIME: 9-14 February 2022

OCCURANCE NUMBER: Various

OVERTIME CODE: 00000Convoy

OPERATIONAL CHANNEL: SPECIAL 3

DEDICATED DISPATCHER: Yes

INCIDENT COMMANDER: Various per day per shift

SITE MANAGER: Various per day

COMMAND POST LOCATION: NCRCC

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1.0 SITUATION

1.1 Background:

On Friday evening, the 28th of January 2022, a small convoy of vehicles including transport trucks with trailers arrived in Ottawa and took up position on Wellington Street in front of Parliament Hill. On Saturday, the 29th of January, hundreds more vehicles of all sizes arrived throughout the day and descended on the downtown core. The OPS safely managed the massive ingress of vehicles and people; some vehicles staged in designated areas, but others stopped on ingress routes that lead toward Parliament Hill. Vehicles are now parked in undesignated staging areas on City streets impacting the regular flow of traffic and movement of people in the downtown core.

Convoy demonstrators and supporters of the convoy participants have conducted demonstrations along Wellington Street, Supreme Court lawns, Parliament Hill, Confederation Park, and intersections including Rideau Street at Sussex. Marches have occurred in support of the convoy on foot from Quebec over the Interprovincial bridges. Demonstrators and supporters have been re-supplying vehicles with fuel and replenishing other combustibles in the designated and undesignated staging areas which constitute a public safety hazard. Constant sounding of air and truck horns throughout day and evening have negatively impacted the resident's quality of life in the surrounding neighbourhoods.

1.2 Intel Assessment:

The latest intel report has indicated:

- The Give Send Go fundraiser is in excess of \$6M.
- Promoter **Personal** continues to encourage participants to continue to blow horns in spite of injunction
- Protesters are attempting to search for "legal; loopholes" for re-establishing fuel supply lines
- An Ottawa tow operator has reported receiving hundreds of calls including death threats regarding mistaken identify in supporting Police.
- Social media users have been calling for Canadian law enforcement and government officials to be "doxxed"¹ and attacked, following Ottawa Police Service (OPS) Chief SLOLY's statement that OPS will collect the personal information of those in the freedom convoy who are conducting "unlawful activity".



3.2 Schedule for operations

The occupation elements have not moved since they first arrived. They remain on site and are active during the day throughout the core. In the evenings, disturbances and noise increase. This activity continues throughout the evening and into the early morning. Throughout the night issues tend to dissipate but attention is still required to deal with some activities.

During the previous weekend there was an additional wave of supporters arriving in Ottawa who left before Monday. During this wave, demands on police increased equally. There are indication that the upcoming weekend will experience the same influx of supporters which may become the norm for the foreseeable future.

As a result, there must be a constant police presence to deal with ongoing matters with a level of preparedness to deal with a greater number of issues on the weekend.

3.3 Concept of Operations

While disorganized and, at times, competitive in the beginning, the occupiers have become well organized and are supportive of one another. If there is any flashpoint at any of the many locations, there is an immediate response by occupiers from other areas providing support.

- c. Contain:
 - i. Harden posture in Red Zone
 - ii. Limiting access points and increase effectiveness
- 3. Intelligence & Investigations:**
 - a. Received: receipt of investigation and ongoing criminal allegations regarding demonstrations
 - b. Proactive: targeting people heavily involved with Demo and who are promoting unlawful activities
 - c. Enforcement: focus on issues involving vehicle safety and/or unlawful activity (Bylaw, HTA, CVOR and insurance-related violations)
- 4. Red Zone Reduction**
 - a. Shrinking footprint of occupation
- 5. 24/7 Hour Cycles**
 - a. Dynamic planning cycles related to a 24/72 hour period
 - b. 5 – 7 day Planning Forecasts
- 6. Resource Reliability**
 - a. Staffing model that balances demands and wellness of members
 - b. Sustainable and predictable resourcing under the OPS Command
 - c. Coordination of the effective and efficient use of resources
 - d. Cohesive flow of information to resources and partner agencies
- 7. Establishing Success Factors**
 - a. Returning the quality of life to residents and businesses to levels experienced prior to demonstration
 - b. Reclamation of public spaces
 - c. Noise and harassment reduction
 - d. Red Zone reductions
 - e. Cessation of occupation
 - f. Sporadic, managed lawful demonstrations
 - g. Return to normal staffing /schedules
 - h. Investigations completed, people charged/successful prosecutions
 - i. After action review and key recommendations implemented
 - j. Full-cost recovery
 - k. Loss of revenue recovery (Paid Duties)
 - l. Member/Officer wellness
 - m. Return to business as usual with a restated 2022 Strategic Plan
 - n. Maintenance and drafting of partner MOUs

With the above in mind, this plan must also consider options to address the following:

- Identifying solutions to return CID members back to investigative status to manage files

Zone 1 - includes Centertown, north of Catherine, including Metcalfe to Bronson and Somerset St West



Zone 3 will be the Lowertown. It will bound by Boteler St in the North, Cumberland St in the East, Sussex Drive to the west and St Patrick St to the south.



Zone 4 will be the Sandy Hill area. It will be bound by Laurier Ave in the North, Range road in the East, King Edward Ave in the West and Mann Ave in the South.

There are additional areas where trucks and farm machinery are scattered but the roads are passable. However, at any given moment these vehicles can be repositioned to block areas.

Any action taken to remove occupiers and vehicles will require the development of Deliberate Action Plans with supporting sub plans to ensure all considerations are addressed to minimize further disruption. As identified, separate plans will be created for each area of operation. The required supports for each operation includes:

- Critical Incident Command member with support personnel
- Intel Assessment
- Public Order Units (including the development of an operational plan)
- PLT site supports
- Traffic Service support (including the development of a traffic plan and separate tow plan)
- Evidence Gathering Teams
- Arrest Teams (including the development of an operational plan)
- Mass Detention Plan and supports
- Arrest Hand Off Teams
- Criminal Investigation supports
- Media representation and development of media messaging

Planning for these operations takes a substantial amount of time involving multiple sections. Delivery of operations requires a significantly higher number of members and external supports. Depending on the area to be cleared, the operational period could extend into multiple phases.

During these operations it is also necessary to bolster support in other areas of occupation so that flashpoints can be quickly addressed to prevent critical incidents.

The above is identified so that the reader is aware that any Deliberate Action Plan will have an additional impact on resourcing before, during and after an operation.

# OF OFFICERS	LOCATION	TASKING	JERSEY YES/ NO	VEH #'s
2	LAURIER/NICHOLAS	Blocking west bound traffic. East bound traffic can leave	No	2
1	McKenzie/Nicholas	Blocking west bound traffic	Yes	1
2	Dalhousie/Rideau	Blocking traffic west bound on Rideau	No	2
1	George/Sussex	Stop Traffic exiting the market onto Sussex	No	1
1	York/Sussex-1	Stop traffic exiting market onto Sussex	No	1
1	York /Sussex-2	Stop traffic exiting market onto Sussex	No	1
1	Sussex/Clarence	Stop traffic exiting the market onto Sussex	No	1
1	Sussex/Murray	Stop traffic travelling south on Sussex	No	1
1	McKenzie/Murray	Stop south bound traffic towards Chateau Laurier	No	1
1	Wellington/McKenzie	Stop traffic driving north bound on Mackenzie (against wrong way)	No	1
2	Wellington/ McKenzie	Prevent traffic west bound on Wellington in east bound lanes	ARC SYSTEM	2
1	Colonel By/ Daly	No north bound traffic towards Rideau, allow Senate access to authorised persons	No	1
3	Wellington/Elgin	'No west bound vehicles on Wellington towards metcalfe	No	3
1	Elgin/Queen	Stop west bound traffic on Queen	No	1
1	Elgin/Albert	No traffic north bound on Elgin	Yes	1
1	Metcalfe/ Albert	No north bound traffic on Metcalfe	Yes	1
2	O'Connor/Albert	No north bound traffic	Yes	2
1	Bank/Queen	No north bound traffic	Yes	1
1	Bank/ Albert	No north bound traffic	Yes	1
1	Bank/Laurier	No north bound traffic in south bound lanes	No	1
1	Kent/Queen	No north bound traffic- position just east of intersection and monitor parking lot prevent anything going east	Yes	1
2	Kent/ Wellington	Prevent emergency lane blockage & prevent east bound traffic on Wellington from blocking intersection	No	2

Evidence Continuity Officers (CFIS)

There is at least one Evidence Continuity Officer team deployed 24/7. The ECT is responsible for documenting and recording evidence seizures by QRTs of fuel deliveries.

Criminal Investigations

The Criminal Investigations Directorate have redeployed 75% of their investigators to support the police response to the occupation, many of them in a uniform capacity to fill required positions on the road. For those that remain in the investigative role, they have completed and closed 60 files with 24 criminal charges being laid. Currently there are 100 outstanding investigations related to the occupation. It is expected that Deliberate Action Plans will increase the number of files to be processed. Any direct action by police to remove occupation zones could result in immediate arrests or later investigations related to retaliatory activities by supporters. Criminal Investigations Directorate will need to be prepared for full engagement during any Deliberate Action Plan activities and for the days following police action.

4.0 ADMINISTRATION

4.1 Ottawa Police Service Staffing Requirements/Needs Analysis

In an attempt to reduce the overall impacts for staffing this occupation, OPS has worked with the Ottawa Police Association

to adjust regular patrol operations to make available an extra cadre of officers.

However, the demands to staff this operation still outstrip the available resources. The additional police supports from other agencies (OPP and RCMP) help offset some of the shortages however, there remains significant gaps in properly staffing the required assignments. OPS members have been working lengthy periods on multiple days without rest periods which could result in short term and long term health issues.

With that in mind, a needs-analysis has been completed and is presented below. The first chart identifies the staffing level required to simply maintain the minimum response capabilities. We are currently using this model and it has proven to be unsustainable to address the demands.

The second is the Enhanced option that would allow for an ongoing dedicated staffing plan for the CSET and QRTs which is absent at this point.

Interdiction and Enforcement Staffing Model

Required Staffing		
Required Maintenance Staffing		516
Enhanced Staffing (Supporting Agencies)		320
Strike Teams which would include Hand Off Teams, Evidence Gathering Team Support - 75 Teams of 4 Officers (Supporting Agencies)		300
Total Staffing Requirements		1036

4.2 Reporting Instructions and Briefings:

Officers report to Ben Franklin Place for briefings and are bused to and from their duties downtown.

4.3 Duty Schedule:

Officers deployed under this plan work approximately 12 hours per overlapping shift beginning at 0600, 1300 and 2100 hrs.

For Deliberate Action Plans, the schedule is based upon the operational needs.

4.4 Order of Dress:

Dress is uniform of the day with outer reflective wear. Nametags MUST be worn on the outer garment and plainly visible.

To ensure police neutrality at all events, no ribbons, pins, wristbands or other items promoting awareness of any cause shall be worn by members assigned to work at these events.

4.6 Logistics:

Logistics support is required on a 24-hour basis for the duration of this event. The logistics team will be responsible for securing external briefing locations, down rooms, fleet management, meals, supplies and necessary equipment to all members in fixed locations and in the field. The logistics team will have a briefing coordinator to ensure all event briefings are up to date.

4.7 Finance:

Overtime code is 00000CONVOY.

Financial Services have a representative available to the Service Command Centre

5.2 Unified Command Centre:

A Unified Command Centre is located at the NCRCC, Coventry Road. It includes command staff from OPS, OPP, PPS, RCMP, SQ and Gatineau Police. It may also include representatives from other assisting police services.

5.3 Arrest/ Detention Procedures:

If immediate public safety is not at risk, members must consider the necessity and impacts of making an arrest at that specific time. If the necessity is low and other options are available to identify the suspect, consideration should be given to making all necessary notes and reports and following up with the arrest/charges at a more appropriate time. Members must always consider the potential for inflaming situations, both immediate and long term, which will impact public safety.

In the event an arrest is made, OPS policies and procedures will be followed

5.4 Communications:

A dedicated dispatcher has been assigned to the event and will be monitoring and providing communications support throughout operational periods.

Special 3 is designated as the operational channel for the event.

Special 6 is designated as the logistics channel for the event.

5.5 Communication Strategy:

Media Relations and Corporate Communications are available throughout the event.